FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the

UNDERWRITERS' FIRE PATROL

of San Francisco

For the Year Ending December 31, 1933

DIRECTORS

THOS. H. ANDERSON WM. A. LOUIS RAY DECKER
CLIFFORD CONLY C. A. HENRY*
E. T. CAIRNS JOY LICHTENSTEIN

* *Deceased December* 18, 1933.

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Headquarters of the Underwriters' Fire Patrol, No. 1 Station, 147 Natoma St.
Secretary-Treasurer's Office—New Zealand Ins. Co. Bldg.—334 California St.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

San Francisco, January 2, 1934.

To the Board of Directors,
Underwriters' Fire Patrol:

Herewith is the 59th report of the Underwriters' Fire Patrol for the year 1933—ending December 31st.

You will note in the detail portion of the report, that in the total alarms for the year a decreased number of 279—for the year 1933.

Following is a comparison of covers used:

1932	Stock	5966
1933	"	5281
1932	Roof	797
1933	"	847

The rolling stock at No. 1 Station (two Reos) are in A-1 shape. The two American La France at No. 2 Station are twenty years old and still showing good service.

The equipment, with some additions now contemplated, will place same in A-1 condition.

The men are commended for the excellent discipline which has been maintained at all times.

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The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors and a copy thereof sent to his widow:

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"To his widow we extend our sincere expressions of the deepest sympathy with her in her bereavement and in the loss of the love and comradeship which it has been her privilege to enjoy with him."

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 1933

RECEIPTS

Balance December 31, 1932		$15,924.74
Assessments on Premiums	$71,798.63	
Cover Charges Collected	1,127.00	
Sale of Junk	15.00	
Interest on Daily Bank Balances	548.11	$73,488.74
		$89,413.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Automobile Charges—		
Captain's Automobile	$ 51.18	
No. 1 Motor Vehicle	160.55	
No. 2 Motor Vehicle	77.20	
No. 3 Motor Vehicle	64.06	
No. 4 Motor Vehicle	56.71	
No. 5 Motor Vehicle	55.18	
Pay Roll	64,481.00	
Secretary's Salary	378.00	
Taxes	979.00	
Printing and Stationery	155.74	
New Covers Purchased	1,862.00	
General Expense	833.27	
Pension John E. Sullivan	875.00	
*Disability donations over Compensation Insurance Awards	790.53	$70,819.42
		$18,594.06

*If compensation awards are less than regular wages.

MAINTENANCE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal:		
Salaries and Office Expenses		$ 5,274.40
Balance on Hand December 31, 1933:		
Anglo California National Bank	$5,605.78	
San Francisco Bank	7,713.88	$13,319.66

TREASURER'S REPORT

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INSURANCE RESERVE FUND

December 31, 1932 Cash Balance (San Francisco Bank)	$3,545.39

RECEIPTS

Interest on Deposits	$ 126.36	
Interest on Investments	3,690.00	$3,816.36
		$7,361.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Liability and Compensation Insurance Premiums	$2,113.01	
Fee for Safekeeping of Securities	50.00	$2,163.01
		$5,198.74

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FUND

Established January 19, 1927

December 31, 1932 Cash Balance (San Francisco Bank)	$ 144.88

RECEIPTS

Deposit on Badges	10.50
	$ 155.38
December 31, 1933 on Deposit (San Francisco Bank)	$5,354.12

INSURANCE FUND INVESTMENTS

$12,000—Pacific Gas & Electric 5½% Bonds
2,000—City and County of San Francisco 5% Bonds
16,000—Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% Bonds
5,000—Central Pacific Railroad 5% Bonds
5,000—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph 5% Bonds
1,000—California Oregon Power 6% Bonds
2,000—California Oregon Power 5½% Bonds
4,000—Los Angeles Gas & Electric 6% Bonds
1,000—Associated Oil 6% Notes
3,000—General Petroleum Corp. 5% Bonds
5,000—Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Ref. Mtge. 5% Bonds
2,000—Union Oil Company 5% Bonds
2,000—California G. & E. Unif. 5% Bonds
10,000—Shell Union Oil Co. 5% Bonds
3,000—Union Oil Co. 6% Bonds
$73,000

WILLIAM A. LOUIS,
Secretary-Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

January 4, 1934

To the Board of Directors,
Underwriters' Fire Patrol,
San Francisco, California.

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit a report of the activities of this Office from January 1, 1933, to December 31, 1933 inclusive.

INVESTIGATION OF FIRES

Total number of fires given special investigation 441

NOTE: 31 of these fires were of incendiary origin; 45 originated from causes although unknown appeared suspicious; 50 originated from causes unknown but not suspicious; and 315 required special investigation. Seven of these fires originated from devices used in the manufacture of illicit liquor. Detailed reports of these investigations are on file in my office.

Arrests for arson	12
Convictions obtained	4
Found not guilty	3
Cases dismissed (juvenile)	2
Cases pending	3

NOTE: Fire was the cause of 20 deaths.

PERMITS

	Granted	Denied
Acetylene Generators and Carbide	3	4
Explosives	5	1
Fireworks and Redfire	8	0
Garages (Private), gasoline storage	21	5
Gasoline Tanks, portable	53	16
Gasoline Storage, additional, etc.	47	10
Oil Burning Apparatus	6	0
Oil Storage, additional, etc.	3	0
Repair Shops, gasoline storage	6	0
Gasoline and Oil Depots	2—Alterations	
TOTAL	154	36

(RECOMMENDED)

	Granted	Denied
Garages, Commercial	2	0
Garages, Public	47	2
Parking Stations	6	5
Repair Shops	34	2
Supply Stations	52	3
TOTAL	141	12

CONCLUSION

I want to sincerely thank the Board of Directors, collectively and individually, for the assistance and cooperation rendered during the year.

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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. KELLY,
Fire Marshal.

SERVICE PERFORMED BY THE FORCE

Hours of service—Hours, Minutes	1486—33
Number of stock covers spread	5281
Number of roof covers spread	847
Extinguishers used	4
Sacks of sawdust used	540
Pump service, gasoline, hours and minutes	30—30
Sprinkler heads replaced	25
Rolls of tar paper used	12

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR

Received all told		6914
Bell Alarms	3809	
Silent Alarms	19	
Silent Alarms, S. F. F. D., and from other sources	3086	
False Alarms—Boxes	842	
False Alarms—Silent Alarms	275	
Auxiliary Box Alarms	122	
American District Alarms	94	
Second Alarms	81	
Third Alarms	26	
Fourth Alarms	4	
Fifth Alarms	1	
Vicinity Boxes	223	

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN WHICH FIRES ORIGINATED

Frame	2429	
Brick	414	
Iron and corrugated iron	46	
Concrete and stone	380	
Other than building fires	3645	
		6914

LIMITATION OF FIRE

Fires confined to buildings in which they originated	3086	
Spread to adjoining buildings	175	
Beyond adjoining buildings	8	
Other than building fires	3645	
		6914

PRINCIPAL OCCUPANCIES

CLASSIFIED TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1933

Apartments	612
Automobiles, Supplies, Repairs, etc.	599
Bakeries	20
Barber Shops, Beauty Parlors	12
Churches, Schools, Hospitals, Clubs	57
Cleaning and Dyeing Works	23
Department Stores	20
Dwellings	1714
Garages	31
Hotels	77
Markets	35
Manufacturing	155
Office Buildings	49
Printers and Lithographers	20
Plumbing Shops	3
Restaurants	87
Rooming Houses	85
Soft Drink Parlors	3
Stores, Candy and Grocery	158
Streets, Yards, Lots, and Parks	1368
Tailor Shops	8
Theatres	24
Warehouses	14
Wharfs	36
Whiskey Stills	7
Miscellaneous	266
	5483

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF FIRE ALARMS

Automobiles, Backfiring, Electric Wires, etc.	575
Acetylene Torches	15
Burning Chimneys	501
Burning Pan Meat, Grease, etc.	136
Burning Rubbish and Grass	1263
Carelessness, Smoking, Matches, Candles	760
Coal Oil Heaters, Defective, Smoky	23
Defective Brick, Patent Chimneys	78
Defective Stoves, Grates, Heaters	245
Explosions, Gas	9
Electric Wires	128
Electric Wires, Electrical Appliances	221
Friction in Machinery	22
Grease in Ventilator Taking Fire	10
Hot Ashes	35
Incendiary	31
Leaky and Broken Gas Pipes	35
Oil Burner Furnaces, Defective, Smoky	118
Sparks from Chimney on Shingled Roofs	439
Sparks from Chimney, Rubbish, etc.	87
Spontaneous Combustion, Oily Rags, Rubbish, etc.	81
Sprinkler Systems, Defective, etc.	43
Suspicious Fires	45
Unknown	50
Miscellaneous	533
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